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SUBJECT: FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM

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1. POST HESITATES TO CONTACT PRESIDENCY RE CHIA BECAUSE OF UNCERTAINTY ABOUT AMBASSADOR TCHOUNGUI'S INTERVENTION. FEEL THAT, IF TCHOUNGUI MESSAGE HAS NOT RPT NOT ARRIVED OR IS NOT RPT NOT STRONG, INTERVENTION WILL BRING FORTH VERY DEFINITIVE NEGATIVE FROM PRESIDENCY. ALSO FEEL THAT DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY SHOULD ALLOW MATTER OF CHIA'S RETURN TO BE WORKED OUT BETWEEN CHIA, TCHOUNGUI AND PRESIDENCY. FULLY REALIZE CHIA'S VERY NATURAL APPREHENSION AND POTENTIAL DISAPPOINTMENT CONCERNING HIS CAREER/DEGREE STATUS. SUGGEST THAT BEST COURSE OF ACTION IS (1) TO INFORM CHIA VERY INFORMALLY THAT USG WILLING TO EXTEND GRANT/VISA IF HE AND AMBASSADOR TCHOUNGUI ARE ABLE TO SECURE PRESIDENCY AGREEMENT; (2) DELAY REVOCATION OF GRANT AND VISA PENDING OUTCOME TCHOUNGUI DEMARCHE; (3) ADVISE CHIA THAT EMBASSY YAOUNDE FEELS IT INADVISABLE TO INTERCEDE IN HIS BEHALF IN MATTER ESSENTIALLY BETWEEN HIM AND HIS GOVERNMENT.

2. FYI. POST HAS RECENTLY RECEIVED DIPLOMATIC NOTE SETTING FORTH CERTAIN PRINCIPLES RE INTERPRETER/TRANSLATOR STUDIES. ONE PRINCIPLE WAS "IMMEDIATE REPATRIATION OF ALL CAMEROONIAN STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED INTERPRETER/TRANSLATOR STUDIES." TEXT OF NOTE AND EMBASSY'S

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RESPONSE BEING FORWARDED BY AIRGRAM. END FYI.

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